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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4192

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4192 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 changing Section 4.01 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.01) (from Ch. 23, par. 6104.01)

7 Sec. 4.01. Additional powers and duties of the Department.
8 In addition to powers and duties otherwise provided by law, the
9 Department shall have the following powers and duties:

10 (1) To evaluate all programs, services, and facilities for
11 the aged and for minority senior citizens within the State and
12 determine the extent to which present public or private
13 programs, services and facilities meet the needs of the aged.

14 (2) To coordinate and evaluate all programs, services, and
15 facilities for the Aging and for minority senior citizens
16 presently furnished by State agencies and make appropriate

1 recommendations regarding such services, programs and
2 facilities to the Governor and/or the General Assembly.

3 (3) To function as the sole State agency to develop a
4 comprehensive plan to meet the needs of the State's senior
5 citizens and the State's minority senior citizens.

6 (4) To receive and disburse State and federal funds made
7 available directly to the Department including those funds made
8 available under the Older Americans Act and the Senior
9 Community Service Employment Program for providing services
10 for senior citizens and minority senior citizens or for
11 purposes related thereto, and shall develop and administer any
12 State Plan for the Aging required by federal law.

13 (5) To solicit, accept, hold, and administer in behalf of
14 the State any grants or legacies of money, securities, or
15 property to the State of Illinois for services to senior
16 citizens and minority senior citizens or purposes related
17 thereto.

18 (6) To provide consultation and assistance to communities,
19 area agencies on aging, and groups developing local services
20 for senior citizens and minority senior citizens.

21 (7) To promote community education regarding the problems
22 of senior citizens and minority senior citizens through
23 institutes, publications, radio, television and the local
24 press.

25 (8) To cooperate with agencies of the federal government in
26 studies and conferences designed to examine the needs of senior

1 citizens and minority senior citizens and to prepare programs
2 and facilities to meet those needs.

3 (9) To establish and maintain information and referral
4 sources throughout the State when not provided by other
5 agencies.

6 (10) To provide the staff support that may reasonably be
7 required by the Council.

8 (11) To make and enforce rules and regulations necessary
9 and proper to the performance of its duties.

10 (12) To establish and fund programs or projects or
11 experimental facilities that are specially designed as
12 alternatives to institutional care.

13 (13) To develop a training program to train the counselors
14 presently employed by the Department's aging network to provide
15 Medicare beneficiaries with counseling and advocacy in
16 Medicare, private health insurance, and related health care
17 coverage plans. The Department shall report to the General
18 Assembly on the implementation of the training program on or
19 before December 1, 1986.

20 (14) To make a grant to an institution of higher learning
21 to study the feasibility of establishing and implementing an
22 affirmative action employment plan for the recruitment,
23 hiring, training and retraining of persons 60 or more years old
24 for jobs for which their employment would not be precluded by
25 law.

26 (15) To present one award annually in each of the

1 categories of community service, education, the performance
2 and graphic arts, and the labor force to outstanding Illinois
3 senior citizens and minority senior citizens in recognition of
4 their individual contributions to either community service,
5 education, the performance and graphic arts, or the labor
6 force. The awards shall be presented to 4 senior citizens and
7 minority senior citizens selected from a list of 44 nominees
8 compiled annually by the Department. Nominations shall be
9 solicited from senior citizens' service providers, area
10 agencies on aging, senior citizens' centers, and senior
11 citizens' organizations. The Department shall establish a
12 central location within the State to be designated as the
13 Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame for the public display of all
14 the annual awards, or replicas thereof.

15 (16) To establish multipurpose senior centers through area
16 agencies on aging and to fund those new and existing
17 multipurpose senior centers through area agencies on aging, the
18 establishment and funding to begin in such areas of the State
19 as the Department shall designate by rule and as specifically
20 appropriated funds become available.

21 (17) To develop the content and format of the
22 acknowledgment regarding non-recourse reverse mortgage loans
23 under Section 6.1 of the Illinois Banking Act; to provide
24 independent consumer information on reverse mortgages and
25 alternatives; and to refer consumers to independent counseling
26 services with expertise in reverse mortgages.

1 (18) To develop a pamphlet in English and Spanish which may
2 be used by physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of
3 its branches pursuant to the Medical Practice Act of 1987,
4 pharmacists licensed pursuant to the Pharmacy Practice Act, and
5 Illinois residents 65 years of age or older for the purpose of
6 assisting physicians, pharmacists, and patients in monitoring
7 prescriptions provided by various physicians and to aid persons
8 65 years of age or older in complying with directions for
9 proper use of pharmaceutical prescriptions. The pamphlet may
10 provide space for recording information including but not
11 limited to the following:

12 (a) name and telephone number of the patient;

13 (b) name and telephone number of the prescribing
14 physician;

15 (c) date of prescription;

16 (d) name of drug prescribed;

17 (e) directions for patient compliance; and

18 (f) name and telephone number of dispensing pharmacy.

19 In developing the pamphlet, the Department shall consult
20 with the Illinois State Medical Society, the Center for
21 Minority Health Services, the Illinois Pharmacists Association
22 and senior citizens organizations. The Department shall
23 distribute the pamphlets to physicians, pharmacists and
24 persons 65 years of age or older or various senior citizen
25 organizations throughout the State.

26 (19) To conduct a study of the feasibility of implementing

1 the Senior Companion Program throughout the State.

2 (20) The reimbursement rates paid through the community
3 care program for chore housekeeping services and home care
4 aides shall be the same.

5 (21) From funds appropriated to the Department from the
6 Meals on Wheels Fund, a special fund in the State treasury that
7 is hereby created, and in accordance with State and federal
8 guidelines and the intrastate funding formula, to make grants
9 to area agencies on aging, designated by the Department, for
10 the sole purpose of delivering meals to homebound persons 60
11 years of age and older.

12 (22) To distribute, through its area agencies on aging,
13 information alerting seniors on safety issues regarding
14 emergency weather conditions, including extreme heat and cold,
15 flooding, tornadoes, electrical storms, and other severe storm
16 weather. The information shall include all necessary
17 instructions for safety and all emergency telephone numbers of
18 organizations that will provide additional information and
19 assistance.

20 (23) To develop guidelines for the organization and
21 implementation of Volunteer Services Credit Programs to be
22 administered by Area Agencies on Aging or community based
23 senior service organizations. The Department shall hold public
24 hearings on the proposed guidelines for public comment,
25 suggestion, and determination of public interest. The
26 guidelines shall be based on the findings of other states and

1 of community organizations in Illinois that are currently
2 operating volunteer services credit programs or demonstration
3 volunteer services credit programs. The Department shall offer
4 guidelines for all aspects of the programs including, but not
5 limited to, the following:

6 (a) types of services to be offered by volunteers;

7 (b) types of services to be received upon the
8 redemption of service credits;

9 (c) issues of liability for the volunteers and the
10 administering organizations;

11 (d) methods of tracking service credits earned and
12 service credits redeemed;

13 (e) issues of time limits for redemption of service
14 credits;

15 (f) methods of recruitment of volunteers;

16 (g) utilization of community volunteers, community
17 service groups, and other resources for delivering
18 services to be received by service credit program clients;

19 (h) accountability and assurance that services will be
20 available to individuals who have earned service credits;
21 and

22 (i) volunteer screening and qualifications.

23 The Department shall submit a written copy of the guidelines to
24 the General Assembly by July 1, 1998.

25 (24) To hold conferences, trainings, and other programs for
26 which the Department shall determine by rule a reasonable fee

1 to cover related administrative costs. Rules to implement the
2 fee authority granted by this paragraph (24) must be adopted in
3 accordance with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative
4 Procedure Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint
5 Committee on Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so
6 adopted, for whatever reason, is unauthorized.

7 (Source: P.A. 95-298, eff. 8-20-07; 95-689, eff. 10-29-07;
8 95-876, eff. 8-21-08; 96-918, eff. 6-9-10.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law."